

The Church of God Evangel

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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THE INFLUENCE OF THE LAST GENERAL ASSEMBLY STILL LIVES ON

The New Tithing System is to be put in Operation the First of the New Year

JESUS OUR GREAT HEALER

Nothing Safer Than Utter Confidence And Trust in The Lord.

Better to be Loyal to Christ And Die Than to be Disloyal And Live.

Christ's mission to this world was to recover and restore that which was lost by the fall of our fore-parents—Adam and Eve. They plunged the world into sin and rebellion against God. Jesus our great Healer, with His loyal army, are in battle array against sin, sickness and the devil.

As long as Jesus walked on the earth He was sought by His followers for the healing of their diseases. And trust in Him for healing did not cease when His body was placed in Joseph's new tomb. In some respects it seemed that His death and resurrection only confirmed His work and increased the faith of His followers.

As soon as I was converted and began to read the Scriptures I saw that healing was as clearly taught as the forgiveness of sins. I accepted this glorious doctrine at once and then it became a mystery to me why this part of the gospel had dropped out of the religious teachings of the day. I could not see how people could accept Christ for the salvation of their souls and not accept Him for the healing of their bodies.

The Scriptures teach healing for the body just as clearly as they do salvation. I do not see how the common practice of medicine ever became so popular. It seems strange that Christians ever fell so low as to take up the use of medicine. I do not know where they got their authority for leaving off Jesus our great Healer and taking up drugs and remedies. To me it seems an absurdity. I do not see how people can make a claim of Christianity and ignore healing in the atonement.

Years ago in conversation with a dear good man on the subject of healing he remarked that he believed in healing in answer to the prayer of faith, but he had never been able to see it in the atonement. I gave him a few Scriptures for study for consideration and soon he began to wonder why he had never seen it before when it is taught so plainly in the Bible. But, although this man testified to having been healed by divine power, he was never able afterwards to fully trust the Lord for his body. When he got sick he would want prayer, but could not be satisfied without dopping himself with medicine.

There is something queer about the human. They will resort to the use of the very thing that is against their best interests. Strong poison medicine will break down the strongest man. What they call remedies are often more deadly than the disease. I remember when a mere youth I heard my father say "the cure is worse than the disease," but I did not understand it then like I do now. As I see it now, people are foolish for pouring old strong filthy medicine down their throats when perfect arrangements have been made in the atonement for the healing of all our diseases.

I have been amazed to find so many people in the Church who claimed they were trusting the Lord for their own bodies, but could not trust the Lord for their children. Instead of that, they doped the little fel-

lows with old strong nasty medicine that they would not put in their own mouths. I have heard of parents cruelly holding the nose of their own offspring to make them swallow the filthy stuff that their delicate system revolted against. I wonder what the Lord will do with such cruel parents at the judgment. But they seem to think they are only doing an act of mercy when they force the old bitter stuff down the throats of the innocents.

If that was the Bible way I would resort to it, too. But where, in that precious Book, is one instance where a Christian father or mother poured old bitter medicine into their little ones when they were sick? You who give your children medicine point it out to me please! Show me something in that sacred Book that will teach me such cruelty if you can! If you cannot, then I advise you to stop the diabolical practice yourself. Why do you want to do something that the Bible does not recommend? Why do people want to act in so many things contrary to the Bible?

Not long since a certain person said, "I have got so I can trust the Lord for myself but I am not able to trust the Lord for the healing of my children." This expression sounds like it was awfully hard and dangerous to trust the Lord. This reminds me of an incident that occurred years ago. A young man was very sick. The physician pronounced it a hopeless case. He gave strict order not to give the young man any water to drink. He said it would kill him at once. But the young man continuously called for water. The physician said he was going to die, but he must not have any water. After the physician was gone one night the boy called for water so piteously that his father decided to give him a son one drink of water. He reasoned thus: "The doctor says he is going to die, and if he is going to die any how I'm going to give him what he wants as long as he lives, and a little water can't make it any worse for him." So he gave him the water. He did not seem any worse after he drank the water. He soon wanted some more water, and since the first drink had not hurt him the father decided to give him all he wanted. This time he drank till he was satisfied. He laid back on the pillow and rested well for an hour when he called for more water. It was given him and then he went to sleep and slept nicely till next morning. When morning came he was much better. Soon the physician came to pay his morning visit. He found the boy much improved. He was so much better that the doctor was not only surprised, but he began to praise the medicine he had left for him. But at this time the father said, "It wasn't your medicine, doctor, there is the medicine untouched. I gave him water to drink." The doctor replied, "Well, you ran an awful risk in giving him the water."

How absurd the statement! The boy was going to die, there was no hope for him according

to the doctor's statement, and yet the doctor said the father had run an awful risk in giving him water, the very thing that he was famishing for. The father is worthy of much commendation, I say, for giving the boy what he wanted if he was going to die any way. But the very thing the doctor said would kill him saved his life. I tell you, I have no confidence in medicine and drugs, and but very little in those that administer them in the sense of them knowing what will produce a cure.

An incident that occurred years ago fits in here very nicely. I remember the old doctor very well. He was a nice old gentleman when I knew him. He had a large practice and was considered one of the best in his day. He had been going night and day until he was almost worn out. A messenger came for him at midnight. The patient was very sick and wanted the doctor to come at once. "I'm afraid she'll die before I get home," said the messenger. The old doctor treated him very politely and regretted very much that he could not go. But the messenger insisted. At last the doctor said, "You go on back home, I'm not going, and besides that I'll tell you, nine cases out of ten will get well just as quick without a doctor as with one." And with this the doctor shut the door and went back to bed, and the man that had come for him could do nothing but return home. But the next morning the sick woman was better and got well in a day or two. And no doubt that if the doctor had come and given her a lot of poison medicine it would have so deranged her system till she would have had a long spell of sickness.

I have stated before and I am going to repeat it here again, I believe it is much better for any person to keep medicine out of their system than to take it, even if there is no healing by divine power. I am afraid of medicine. Wife and I raised our children without medicine except the two older ones were given just a very little before we knew the Bible way of healing. We prayed and trusted God for healing for them with no friends or neighbors or kinfolks to stand by us and help us pray for their healing. Some times it looked like the little fellows were going, but we never flinched. We prayed and held on to God and they always came through. Some people seem to be afraid not to give their children medicine. But we were afraid to give medicine and we are afraid to give medicine until this day. We won't give medicine to anyone. We are willing to do anything we can for people who are sick but we will not give medicine to any body though they may be sinners. We are afraid the medicine is worse than the disease.

I am not going to say that people who use medicine are all sinners, but, honestly and sincerely, I do not see how any body can be a Christian and use medicine. What do they have to base their hopes upon? They read their Bibles and claim their religion is based upon the teachings of that Book and they cannot find one verse that gives them any room to believe they can take medicine and be a follower of the Christ of Calvary. That Book teaches that Jesus is our great Healer. And I am sure there is nothing safer than utter confidence and trust in the Lord. And I have decided long ago that it is better to be loyal to Christ and die than to be disloyal and live. And I do not hesitate to declare that a man

or woman professing the Christian religion and taking medicine is disloyal to their Savior and their profession.

To accept Christ means to conform to His life and teaching. Soon after I received light on healing for the body I went to visit a minister that I loved very dearly who was sick. He had been sick a long time, but I had been away from home and had not had opportunity to go and see him. One morning I decided I must go and see him. I had some business in town so I walked to town a distance of nearly three miles the way I had to go. I came back by the home of the sick man. I loved him dearly. When I went in and passed a few words of greetings with him I said, "I want to talk a few words with you on an important and sacred subject, but before commencing I want to pray. I have been in town and was obliged to mingle with some ungodly people in order to attend to my business and I feel I am somewhat polluted. I feel unclean and unfit to talk to you on the sacred subject until I pray and ask God to make me feel clean and pure."

The dear man was lying on the bed. His wife had just stepped out and the children were away perhaps at school. I knelt down and prayed. Just he and I and the Lord were there. I prayed until the Lord seemed to sweep away all uncleanness and I felt as clean as I had been before. I said, "Now, brother, I may not have much to say after all, but you have been sick a long time I understand, and physicians and medicines have failed to cure you, now I want to read you a verse of Scripture and pray for you and then I will go on my way and let you rest." He gave his consent, and I turned to Matthew 8:17, and began to read, "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." When I had finished he asked me to read that verse again. I read it again slowly and distinctly. He then asked me where that verse was found. He could not remember such a verse in the Bible. I told him that it was the seventeenth verse of the eighth chapter of Matthew. He asked me to read it the third time. He could hardly believe his ears. "Bare our sicknesses!" rested upon his mind. I quietly remarked that if he bare our sicknesses we did not need to bear them. I spoke only a few more words to him when I again knelt down and prayed. This time I prayed for him. When I arose from my knees I quietly bid him good-by and bowed myself out of the room and was gone. I left him alone with God and his quiet meditations.

Two days later was regular meeting day where he and I had both been attending services together when he was well and I was at home. I was away a good deal in those days of my ministry. There was quite a snow storm on, but I went just the same, not expecting many out. But in spite of the snow there were quite a nice little crowd there for a country place in the winter time. Soon after I arrived this sick brother walked in and took his seat on the platform where I had seen him many times before. He looked well but said nothing for a little while. When the service was well on the way and the time came for preaching he quietly arose and began to say, "I have been sick for a long time, I began to think I would never be well again, but thanks be to God, I am here to-day feeling fine, and have come all the way

from home through this snow storm to tell how the Lord has healed me." I listened attentively. I knew that no body knew of my visit to his home unless he had told them. He went on to tell of my visit, though did not give my name. I felt a relief as I saw he was not going to use my name. I didn't want any one to know it was I that read that verse of Scripture to him. He went on to say that "when the friend had gone, pretty soon my wife came in and I told her about the visit and the verse of Scripture. I asked her to get my Bible and read it again to me. After she had read it I said, wife, I don't know whether the Lord will heal me or not, but that verse says that 'Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses,' and if that is true I do not see any reason why I should bear this sickness any longer. Let us get down and pray and if He does not heal me I will not be any the worse for it and if He does we will thank Him for it. We both got down on our knees and prayed the best we could. I was very weak, but I poured out my heart to God. Very soon I felt the healing touch go through my body and to-day I am well." Then he began to praise God, and of course my heart was almost bursting for joy. But I was so thankful that he never gave my name to the public that day. If he ever told any one it was I, I did not hear of it. But that was news for that time and place. The people had never heard a testimony of healing like that. Every body used medicine when they got sick except wife and I. But this was a case of healing by my Jesus and it does my soul good to tell of it tonight. And I tell it with a view to help others to take their sicknesses to Jesus and dump them off instead of carrying them around and always feeling bad.

When Jesus has already borne our sicknesses for us, why do we want to carry them around with us? Healing is just as truly in the atonement as the forgiveness of sins and sanctification. We say Jesus atoned for our sins therefore we can trust Him for salvation. Just as truly can we say that Jesus atoned for our sicknesses, then let us just as truly trust Him for our healing when we are sick. There is nothing safer than utter confidence and trust in the Lord. And I want to emphasize the statement that it is better to be loyal to Christ and die than to be disloyal to Him and live.

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ZEAL ACCORDING TO KNOWLEDGE

Samuel G. Snyder

This subject is of vital importance and should be taken into consideration by every true follower of Jesus Christ our Lord, for so many of the Lord's people have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

Zeal means ardor in a cause; according means harmonizing; knowledge means clear perception of a truth or fact. It is all right to have ardor in a cause for, in fact, any cause would be dead without ardor; but if the ardor is not in perfect harmony with a clear perception of the truth (Bible Word) it will result in the destruction of the cause.

As faith without works is dead, so knowledge without zeal is dead also. Zeal without knowledge will end in death. One is as fatal as the other. It was never intended that one should be without the other. One may exist alone for a short period, yet the end is

destruction. I say, yet not I, but the Lord; that where zeal is found and knowledge is lacking among the Lord's people, that destruction is determined upon them.

"As it is written, My people are destroyed (pulled down; overturned; laid waste; rendered desolate; killed; put to an end) for lack of knowledge." Hos. 4:6. Surely if the lack of knowledge will cause this much harm, that none of the Lord's people will reject it. But the Lord said they had rejected it and here is the result. "Because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject (discard; refuse to take; cut off) thee." Dear reader, if you ever played cards you know what discard means, and I am sure that you don't want God to discard you. So permit me to admonish you to adhere your zeal to knowledge, for the two go together in order to complete the beautiful plan of salvation.

Some of our dear people allow their zeal to cause them to be too hasty in certain affairs and, consequently, the outcome is pernicious. I was once inclined to such myself and this is how I know what the outcome will be. Don't let your zeal cause you to err. It is better to have no zeal than not have knowledge to control it. For example, let us notice the beautiful character of Esther. She had zeal and feared God which signifies the beginning of wisdom. She received instruction, was guarded in discourse, attentive and slow to speak, for when her zeal was at its greatest she did not permit it to get from under her control. Esther mixed knowledge with her zeal, and by so doing she was enabled to rescue the life of her people and her own life also. In like manner are ye saved also. Christ hath bought us with His own blood, but the pasture is afar off in which He hath aimed for us to graze forever. He hath gone the way before us and the way He marked with "zeal and knowledge." The adversary is devouring many by subtracting from their knowledge and adding to their zeal.

To please God one must control his spirit as well as his body. As it is written, He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls. Rule both spirit and body, that is zeal according to knowledge. Amen.

Still Under the Blood

To All the Dear Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Name: I am glad tonight finds me still under the blood. I praise the dear Lord for what He is to me. I find Him precious in the hour of distress and trial and a helper in every time of need. Praise His precious name! He means so much to me. I would not take the riches of this world for the love He has given me.

There are many times when Satan tries to make me say or do something that he knows would grieve the dear Lord, but I am glad there is a way of escape. Praise God! I praise Him because He counted me worthy to be added to His wonderful church.

Dear friends, I am glad I have a determination to go all the way. I really get hungry some times to go home with Jesus.

I want every dear saint who reads this to please pray for the Lord to baptize me with the Holy Ghost and make me a sou-winner for Him.

Your sister in Christ Jesus,
Mrs. E. D. Jones.
Newport, N. C.

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Get your orders in as early
as possible for Sunday-school
literature. Please note the one
cent raise.

Make a special effort to get a
good list of subscribers for the
Evangel to commence the
first of the New Year.

We are pleased to hear of so
many Sunday-schools preparing
for an "extra spread" at Christ-
mas times. We want to use
this time to commemorate the
birthday of our Lord.

Sunday, December 12, is
Home Mission day. I would like
to encourage the friends to put
forth a little effort and bring in
better returns than usual and
thus help this part of the work
along.

We expect to be ready to put
the new money system into op-
eration by the first of January.
We want every church and ev-
ery minister to get ready for
this change so it can be made
in good order and every body
feel good about it.

The young people's new
drive started recently to help
lift the Auditorium debt has had
good results already. The in-
terest is growing and it is ex-
pected to reach the young peo-
ple of every local church before
it ends. At the young people's
prayer meeting W. M. Chester
was selected as secretary-treas-
urer and Lillie Dugger assistant.
All money is to be forwarded to
them at the Evangel office.

The Evangel chanced to fall
into the hands of a good sister
in Illinois quite recently, and
after reading it through she
wrote that she was well pleased
with it, but remarked that if it
advocated healing as strong as
the other good things it would
be a great paper. She does not
know how strong we are for
healing. The paper she got hold
of just happened to be full of
other things that time instead
of healings. But the sister will
soon find out what we have to
say about healing if she reads
the paper very long. Divine
healing is one of its principle
themes.

The people in general seem to
be well pleased with the change
in the financial system. Some
of the churches can hardly wait
till we get ready here at the

office to put it in operation.
They are more than anxious to
send all of their tithes to head-
quarters for distribution. The
Churches at Pleasant Hill and
Red Oak Grove, Tenn. are the
first to start the ball rolling. The
amount sent was \$34.60. This
came before we are ready, but
we will take care of it and soon
the great system will begin to
revolve, and the ministers get
their supply. This will be won-
derful! As a means to help
bridge over in making the
change I suggest that every
church that has a surplus send
in this surplus at once. This
will enable us to begin to help
the ministers before the reports
and amounts come in at the
last of this month. The Elders
into whose charge this business
was placed by the Assembly are
going to do their best to make
a just and economical distribu-
tion of these funds, and they
expect a hearty co-operation
by all the ministers and church-
es. It will be necessary for every
one to be prompt in sending in
reports and giving such infor-
mation as may be required from
time to time. Surely God has
been getting us ready for this
system for several years. The
reporting system, which makes
this new financial system pos-
sible, is already in operation,
and now this will come in with
perfect harmony and safety.
The report forms now in use
can be used for the present, but
when new ones are prepared
there will be some slight changes
made to suit the new system.
Here is a brief explanation of
the system: The tithes are to be
paid into the local church
treasury as usual. The treasurer
will send all the tithes to head-
quarters on the last day of
every month. His report must
show the amount sent and the
report must correspond with the
money order or check. The
ministers are to send in their
reports on the last day of the
months as heretofore required,
and they are to tithe all the of-
ferings they receive and all the
tithes they receive from head-
quarters and put in any local
church most convenient and
show same on their reports, or
if more convenient their tithes
can accompany their reports.
We are preparing small en-
velopes for the convenience of
the members into which they
can put their tithes and hand
them into the treasury or treas-
urer. The name and home ad-
dress can be written on these
envelopes to distinguish them
one from another. This will al-
so eliminate any doubt as to
whether or not each member
pays tithes. Paying tithes is not
a test of membership or fellow-
ship, but we want every member
to pay tithes for the blessing
they will receive and for the
blessing that will come upon the
Church as a whole. We want all
the members to know that those
who are over them in the Lord
are watching for their souls as
those who must give account.
How beautiful! How wonderful
when this system is in perfect
operation and every member
paying tithes and offerings into
the storehouse—the Church of
God!

There are many reasons why
every local church should hasten
to complete their organiza-
tion into classes or bands with
a class leader over each class.
Ten or twelve in a class is large
enough. The members who live
at a distance should have care-
ful attention by the leader in
correspondence. I appeal to the
overseers and pastors to see
that every local church is thus
organized, and reported to
headquarters when they are
ready for business. We will have
some important business with
each church as soon as they are
ready.

Reports show that God is
pouring out His Spirit marvel-
ously in many places since the
Assembly. Surely this is to be a
year of special blessings and a
harvest of souls. Do not rest on
your oars and float along too
easy, but keep on praying and
working harder than ever.

We still need all the money
you can loan or give. The loan
department is still in operation,
and many big bills have to be

met. Please do not forget we are
still in a strain about the bills
for the Auditorium even if the
Assembly is over for this year.
We are obliged to push right on
with the work in order to get
everything ready for a greater
Assembly next year. Pray and
sing and help all you can every
way you can.

Hill Parker's address is want-
ed at headquarters. I thank you
in advance. Let me hear at
once, brother, it is for your own
interest.

A special call for prayer comes
in haste requesting prayer for D.
P. Barnett, Desloge, Mo. His
mother states that he is serious-
ly ill, and she wants special
prayer for his healing.

NOTICES

Following are the names of
the district overseers for Florida
and their respective territory:

Tampa district, which will in-
clude Tucker taken from the Or-
lando district; J. L. Stephens,
district overseer.

Miami district will include all
territory from Miami to Key
West; J. A. Self, district over-
seer.

Palm Beach district will in-
clude the Inlet church and Deer
Park, with all the work north of
Miami on the east coast; Milton
Padgett, district overseer.

St. Myer's district, I. H.
Marks, district overseer; Wau-
chula district, Ed. Williams,
overseer; Orlando district, R. P.
Johnson, overseer; Wimauma
district, J. P. Hughes, overseer;
Williston district, C. M. Padgett,
overseer; Branford district, Jas.
Culpepper, overseer; Jasper dis-
trict, including Jacksonville, E.
E. Simmons, overseer; Perry
district, E. B. Culpepper, over-
seer.

We are hoping and looking
for great things this year for
Florida.

F. J. Lee.

To the Churches of the Chat-
tanooga District, Viz., Ridge-
dale, North Chattanooga,
East Chattanooga, Rossville,
Dividing Ridge, Soddy, Daisy,
Whiteside, Kelly's Ferry, Mt.
Pleasant:

I take this method to inform
you that I have the work at
heart and am greatly interested
in each church, minister, and
lay member. I expect to do my
best for the Chattanooga Dis-
trict this year. However, up to
this time we have not been able
to secure pastors for all the
churches, but we hope soon to
have all the churches supplied
with preachers. I expect to visit
each church just as soon as pos-
sible, so let us be patient and
prayerful and work together,
knowing that all things work to-
gether for good to them that
love the Lord.

I wish to announce that I will
be at the following churches on
the given dates:

Dividing Ridge, Wednesday,
Dec. 15, 1920; Soddy, Thursday,
Dec. 16; East Chattanooga,
Monday, Jan. 3, 1921; North
Chattanooga, Wednesday, Jan.
5, 1921; Rossville, Saturday,
Jan. 8, 1921.

I suggest that the pastor and
deacons come together and con-
sider any business that might be
necessary to be brought before
the church and arrange in good
order prior to said conference
meetings, to be presented for
consideration or action of the
church.

Time for conference meetings
of churches not mentioned will
be announced later.

Your brother in the service,
Chas. M. Grisam, Dist. overseer.

What the Lord Did Sept. 15, 1914.

I praise God for the death
and resurrection of Jesus Christ
for He is the Savior of the
world, and without the shedding
of His blood there is no remis-
sion for sin.

It is glorious to walk with Je-
sus after being down deep in
sin as I was. I did not care to
know God nor did I care what
became of me. I was a cigarette
fiend and a lover of drink. I fol-
lowed up the houses of shame
and used the Lord's name in
vain. I loved all kinds of w
stricken down with muscular
rheumatism and was taken to
the Petoskey Hospital. I was
there almost two months and

the doctors did me no good, said
I would not live. There I was
deep in sin and on my way to
hell.

I was taken home to die and
at that time there was a large
Camp Meeting in the city and
the Lord was doing many
mighty miracles through prayer.
I was taken to the tent, the peo-
ple laid hands on me and pray-
ed for me. The Lord healed my
body and saved my soul from
the path of sin and not many
days hence He filled me with
the Holy Ghost and placed my
feet on the solid rock, Christ Je-
sus, and started me on the up-
ward road.

My only heart's desire is to
live for Him and do His will. I
am looking for Jesus' soon com-
ing with His holy angels, to
catch away His waiting bride,
and I praise God because I am
ready for the coming of the
blessed Lamb of God.

L. T. Day.
Wayne, Mich.

Red Bay, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and
Saints Scattered Abroad—
Greetings in Jesus' Sweet
Name:

I am thanking and praising
God for saving, sanctifying and
baptizing me with the Holy
Ghost. I thank Him every day
and night for sparing my life
and letting me live in the last
days. I am glad that I am serv-
ing a God who hears and
answers prayer.

I am not a member of the
Church of God, but intend to be.
I have three children who have
the baptism of the Holy Ghost
for which I am very thankful.

I want all who read this to
pray for my husband to be saved
and for my brother's family to
see the light on holiness. I am
the only one of a large family
who believes in this way. I have
a dear sister who is very bad
with lung trouble and I ask the
prayers of the saints that if it is
the Lord's will she may be heal-
ed and spared to her family for
they need her so much. Also
pray that they may see the light
on the Bible church. I want all
the saints to pray that a way
will be provided for us to at-
tend preaching. It is the desire
of my heart to grow stronger in
the Lord. Pray that I may stay
in the will of the Lord at all
times.

A sister trusting in Jesus,
Mrs. M. C. Wright.

AN UNSETTLED PERSON

W. H. Black

We see the natural man in
good health and enjoying life.
By and by an eating cancer ap-
pears on his left side and some
one begins to pound and knock
him. He stands it alright until
they give him a blow right on
the spot, then he begins to
squirm and twist because of
pain. The cancer begins to irri-
tate and if the man doesn't get
some divine or medical aid he
becomes pale and weak and is
soon dead.

This is the case in a person's
spiritual life for there are many
dangerous cancers in this world
to take hold on one's experience.

I will mention a few:
1 Failure of paying tithes.
2 Failure of doing God's will.
3 Failing to trust God for
healing of body.
4 Failure to pray.
5 Envy of one another.
6 Becoming a little proud.
7 Finding fault.

All of these old cancers get a
hold on our spiritual life and we
soon come to the same state of
the natural man with the old
sore. The seven failures men-
tioned above will work and
eat on our experiences un-
til we become pale, weak
and stale. Then our "good
old" preacher will see our
condition, spend a lot of time
praying for us and not gain any
ground. Then the Lord will give
him a text something like Heb.
7:5. He will cry and pray be-
cause he has to deliver the mes-
sage to us but God blesses him
in giving the message to us, tell-
ing us that we should pay tithes.
This is when he gives the first
sore a blow and we squirm and
move on our seats. All seven of
these old chronic sores will be-
gin to irritate and we will find
fault with the preacher and say
he wants some money when he
is only trying to help us along.

We are again like the natural
man. If we don't go down before
God, repent and get all of those
things out of our experience and
do all the things we failed to do
we soon become worthless mem-
bers and need to be cut off from
the body of Christ so those who
will can go on to perfection.

OBITUARIES

Gone But Not Forgotten
On Oct. 28, 1918, the death
angel visited the home of Mr.
and Mrs. Collins and claimed
their darling, little Mary Maga-
line.

We loved her, yes, we loved her.
But Jesus loved her more;
And He has sweetly called her.
To yonder shining shore.

The golden gates were opened.
A gentle voice said, Come;
And with farewells unspoken,
You calmly entered home.

Her loving sister,
Dazy Collins.

The death angel claimed Mrs.
Sarah C. Kitchen of Benton,
Pa., age about 77 years. She
was sick only a few days and
had good care, all that loving
hands could render.

She did not have the baptism
but was one of the old time
Methodists, shouting some a-
long the way. She chose to stay
alone and let me preach the
gospel. She told me many
times she was ready to go
whenever the Master called her.
I expect to meet her on the
other shore.

A slip of paper was found in
her Bible telling the songs that
she wanted sung and the text
for her funeral which was
found in 2 Tim. 4:7.

Her son,
P. F. Fritz.

The Lord saw fit in His wis-
dom to visit the home of Broth-
er Ezekiel Frost and wife and
claim their darling little
Haskell, age six months and
twenty-two days. He was sick
about four days, but his parents
sought not the aid of man, but
committed him into the hands
of Him who judgeth righteous-
ly.

We can't understand why one
so young should be called, but
as the heavens are higher than
the earth, so are God's ways
higher than our ways.

The funeral service was con-
ducted by Brother Henry
Luscius. His body was laid to
rest in the Mt. Zion cemetery
to await the resurrection. We
who stand true to Jesus can
meet little Haskell and be for-
ever with the Lord.

His aunt,

Gone But Not Forgotten
The death angel visited the
home of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff
Collins and claimed their darling
little baby, James Collins. He
died Oct. 26, 1920.

We loved him but Jesus saw
best to call him home.

The funeral was conducted by
Brother Scott Arthur and he
was laid to rest in the Beason
cemetery.

In the grave-yard softly sleeping.

Where the flowers gently wave;
Lies darling little James,
In his silent lonely grave.

You shall never be forgotten,
Never more our memory fade;
Loving hearts will always linger,
Round the grave where you are
laid.

Peaceful be your sleep, little James,
It is sweet to breathe your name;
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.

Beautiful hands of a little one see,
Baby's voice calling: oh, mother, for
me;
Rosy cheeked darling, the light of
the home,
Taken so early is beckoning come.
Mama and papa.

Gone to Be With Jesus
On Thursday evening, Nov.
11, 1920, the death angel visited
the home of Mr. and Mrs.
Charley Dingess and claimed
their daughter, age 27 years.
She was the wife of Louie White
and was loved by all who knew
her.

She was only bedfast about a
month and all was done that
loving hands could do. We fast-
ed and prayed for her but God

knew best and called her home
to glory. She will not only be
missed in the home but she will
be missed in the church.

She left to mourn her death
a husband and little girl, father,
mother, two brothers and three
sisters.

The funeral service was con-
ducted by Brother E. C. Clark
and the remains was laid to
rest in the Peach Creek ceme-
tery, Logan, W. Va.

The loved ones have our deep
sympathy in their bereavement.
Her brother in Christ,

J. T. Wyatt.

The death angel visited our
home and claimed our little boy.
He died of diptheria.

He was only a little treasure that was
lent me,
More precious than silver or gold,
I watched over him by day and by
night,
How fondly I loved him can never
be told.
—But the angels have borne him
away.

As I watched by the bedside the long
days and nights,
How earnestly I prayed God to
spare;
And send back death's angel who was
almost in sight,
Awaiting the signal to bear.

But I'll trust him with Jesus for well
do I know,
The promise to us He has given;
He has taken him from cares and
trials below,
And has housed him safely in heav-
en.

Then why should I mourn for my dear
little one,
Who has suffered such anguish and
pain;
But let me rather rejoice that his
suffering is done,
For my loss is his infinite gain.

His father,
Bert H. Doss.

King's Mountain, N. C.
Dear Saints and Evangel Read-
ers Everywhere—Greeting in
Jesus' Name:

I am glad I am saved, sancti-
fied, filled with the Holy Ghost
and a member of the Church
of God. How I praise God for
this wonderful way. The half
has never yet been told nor
will it ever be till we reach the
glory world. My soul is bub-
bling over this moment. How
sweet it is to walk with Jesus.
I want to walk close to His
side and learn more how to
please Him.

There are no Church of God
people here. I hope the Lord
will send some one this way.
I covet the prayers of all God's
people.

Your sister in Jesus,
Mrs. Jenie Roberts.

Hornersville, Mo.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in
Christ Jesus Everywhere:

I am praising the Lord
for the way of holiness for there is
no other right way. The way
that Isaiah spoke about is the
way of holiness, and no unclean
thing shall pass over it. Praise
the Lord!

There are some Pentecostal
people here who have the Holy
Ghost but have not seen the
light on the Church of God. I
want all the saints to pray that
they may see the light. Pray
for me and my wife to be
faithful till Jesus comes or calls.

Your brother and sister in the
Lord,
G. E. and Hattie Richardson.

Follow Peace With All Men

Dear Evangel Readers:
I am praising the Lord above
everything in this world for
the great love that is burning
in my soul.

I praise the Lord for saving,
sanctifying and baptizing me
with the Holy Ghost. Praise
the dear Lord. A little later I
received the light on the Church
of God, it just suits me. Praise
the Lord.

I praise the Lord for the way
of holiness. "Follow peace with
all men, and holiness, without
which no man shall see the
Lord." Heb. 12:14.

I want all the saints to pray
for me that I may stay humble
at Jesus' feet and be ready to
do His will at all times.

Your sister under the blood,
Mrs. Effie Barker,
Westminster, S. C.

Another Letter from China

Tsinanfu, Shantung, China.

Oct. 12, 1920.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints:

It has been a long time since I heard from you except through the paper and that I am always glad to get. Time does pass so quickly. So often I have thought that I would send a letter to the paper every two weeks, but a month goes by so quickly until I do well to get one in each month, that is, I have written enough for you to have a letter each month this year, except February and September. I do hope that they have all been received.

We had such a good meeting one Sunday in August which I wanted to write you about, but I just failed to get it done. Our Chinese pastor spoke so beautifully about the Lord giving him light on the church. It did my heart so much good. He said at first he was a little afraid, and others talked with him and wanted him to continue in an independent way, but, praise God, he obeyed Him and walked on in the light and since that time the enemy has shown his cloven foot so plain until this brother cannot help but see it is God's truth. Praise God.

I'll tell you, dear ones, if you could make a trip to China and return home, you would appreciate the church more than ever before. I never saw God's church until after I came to China, but after we came here and I saw so many independent missions and so many of them having no fellowship with each other, I began to realize there was a cause for it somewhere. If an independent missionary breaks down in health or his time arrives to go home on a furlough, who is to look after HIS WORK? Then when he is at home, he cannot really get the rest and complete change he needs, for he is continually exercised about getting up money to keep his work going while he is away or to bring back enough to build him a house etc. Often while he is at home, his work runs down and his flock gets scattered because his mission was HIS OWN, run according to HIS OWN IDEAS AND OPINIONS, while the missionary he got to look after his mission work, while he was away, had different ideas and tried to enforce them, but it would not work with these people who had been accustomed to a certain way all the time. The denominational boards have rules and regulations for each Mission station and all questions are decided accordingly and by people who are familiar with the situation and are of mature judgment. If one drops out for any purpose, there is always one to take his place and his work goes on just as much perhaps as if that one had never come out to China. Then when he goes home he can help to arouse interest in the Mission work of the church, not his own mission. I have seen so much of "ME AND MY WORK" until I am really disgusted. One independent mission here in China, run by lovely people, they appeared to be, sold out their property for several thousand dollars and returned to America and I heard, went with their son to South America as missionaries, after they had lived here for years and learned the language of these people. God is a business God and I don't believe He would lead people to do that. I met those people once, when they were traveling in America and they gave such interesting spiritual talks but, of course, when they felt to leave the field they were independent and did not belong to any organized work, so they could do as they pleased and there was no one with them to keep the work going, perhaps, so they could not very well do other than they did, but what about the money which was given for mission work here in China?

I could tell many things but time forbids. I have noticed though from the readings of the Evangel that some object to reporting, and various other systems recommended by the Assembly, but do you know, friends, I am so happy to tell the people out here in China that I belong to a STRICT organized work and I see organization plainer in the Scriptures every day I live. We are to teach the same thing. How can I ask certain missionaries to come and help us in meetings or attend our special meetings when they teach such different doctrine? It will split up the work and I must guard against splits and divisions. I do want to be true to the church and obey the rulings of the Assembly for I know they are according to the Word of God and for our good and those over us of mature experience can see further ahead than some of us, so we should be willing to listen and follow on.

Many people favor the coming together of all the Pentecostal people and have fellowship and lay aside doctrine etc. and just have a co-operative body, but I tell you, friends, it won't work. There cannot be the close fellowship with some teaching one thing and some another. It certainly will not work on the foreign field, in the work among the natives. Then above all, it is not Scriptural. I love all the Lord's people wherever I find them and I try to always manifest a loving spirit toward them and have sweet friends among them all, but I cannot have close fellowship with them unless we teach the same thing. Praise God forever. It is not narrowness as some may think, but according to the Word.

O, how I do long for some Church of God missionaries to come out here. I have prayed so earnestly and I know God hears and answers prayer and I feel sure He has been talking to some of you to hurry and come, but you have not yielded to the call. Don't put it off, friends, we must work while it is called today for soon the night cometh when no man can work.

The Lord bless you every one and burden you for the foreign field as never before, remembering that there are no foreign fields with God, that China is as precious to Him as America and the command to GO is just as strong as the day it was given. We cannot afford to look at the outward situation and tumult and high prices in the world today, but follow on and obey His call.

Yours in His great love,
Mrs. P. R. Rushin.

REQUESTS

Arthur Sanders, Prentiss, N. C. asks prayer that they might get a place of worship in that place.

Belton Duncan, South Winona, Miss., requests the saints to pray that he will receive the Holy Ghost.

Lula Mae Scallions, Cascilla, Miss., desires the saints to pray for her to receive the Holy Ghost and do His will at all times.

W. M. Coleman, Farmer, Tenn., wants the saints to pray that the sisters will be successful in raising the money for their new church.

Mrs. B. F. Rowell of Carbur, Fla., desires the saints to pray that she may be sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and that her husband may be saved.

Mrs. Emma Florence Smith, Palmetto, Ga., requests the saints to pray for the healing of her body. Also pray for her children to be saved and healed.

W. T. Shepherd, Rock Mills, Ala., wants the saints to pray for him and for the few there who believe in the church, that they may overcome the devil and lift up the standard for Jesus.

Mrs. F. E. Harris of Morristown, Tenn., wants all the saints of God to pray that the Lord will heal her and her baby of a breaking out. Pray that she will stand true and that her husband will come in this way before it is too late.

Clemmie Lewis of Indianola, Miss., desires the prayers of God's children that she may receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost and that her children may be saved at an early age. Pray that the way

will be opened for a church at that place.

S. E. Harris of Morristown, Tenn. requests prayer that she may hold out faithful and that she may be healed of a breaking out. Pray for her sick grandchild and that the child's father may be saved. Pray that her husband and children may come in this way before it is too late.

Mrs. Dolly C. Smith, Bogue, N.C. requests prayer for a little cripple boy, Moses Harrel Russell. He was caught in a cotton mill and his left arm and leg are broken, he is bruised very badly and has a cut on his head. She requests prayer for herself that she may get closer to the Lord and that her husband will get salvation.

A Special Request For Prayer

A woman is losing her mind, she at one time thought she was saved but she is doubting now and saying she will be lost. The doctors have treated her but failed to find anything wrong with her physically.

She is living at Tuscaloosa, Ala. and if any saints live close and feel impressed to pray with her, call for Mrs. Ola Timson from Altoona, Ala. She walks the floor and cries, "Oh those awful flames."

B. H. Brooks,
Altoona, Ala.

WANTED—A typewriter. Has any one a second hand typewriter that you would sell cheap for cash? If so, write

W. H. Chesnett,
22 Riverside, Greenville, S. C.

NOTICES

Please send me Sister Ralston's address. She was last heard of in Alabama.

Mrs. Cole,
161 Fullerton Ave.,
Detroit, Mich.

If any one wants some one to hold a meeting, write me as I want to travel and preach.

W. L. Reynolds,
R. F. D. 2, Box 47, Carrollton, Ala.

There are about fourteen believers here and if there is a district overseer near that could bring a tent and hold a series of meetings I believe that much good could be done.

Ethel Grimes,
Quin, Mo.

Wife and I want to go out in the evangelistic work after Jan. 15, 1921. If any one wants a meeting held, we would like to come and hold it for you.

Your brother in the Master's service,
Foster Hays,
Warrior, Ala.

There will be a revival meeting held at Stonefield church, beginning Dec. 18. Brother E. C. Rider of Red Bay, Ala. will be in charge. Every body come and enjoy a feast from the Lord.

W. B. Simpson.

A meeting will begin at Williams Springs church, three miles south of Stewart, Miss., Dec. 24, 1920. Mrs. Bertie Juillerat and H. A. Pressgrove will be in charge of the meeting. C. A. Churchill will be in charge of the music and singing. Everybody come. We are expecting a good time in the Lord.

J. O. Rushing, clerk.

We are now ready to receive calls for revivals as we are in the evangelistic work this year. We can hold meetings in churches or missions this winter and we have a large tent for spring and summer.

Yours in His service and for the Church of God,
W. T. Aiken and wife,
728 Clifty St., Harriman, Tenn.

I was a soldier in France but am more anxious to be a soldier for God and go on the battlefield for lost souls. If any one is needing help, I would like to help them. I am studying hard and praying

Special Announcement

The New Year's Class of the BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL, Study by Correspondence, will begin January 3rd. In order to be ready to start with that class you should begin to make preparations now. In fact, if you do not send for the free catalogue immediately it will be difficult to start with the Class. It takes time of course for your letter to reach us, then it takes more time for the catalogue to get back to you—and then we want to have the first lessons and chart in your hand so that we can all start with one soul and heart together on Monday, January 3rd.

Probably many have been thinking about it for a long time, but different hindrances have come up. I urge you to feel the importance of careful Bible study.

To all those who are members of THE CHURCH OF GOD, we are happy to announce, will receive, at the end of their regular course a course in Bible Doctrines, the very pillar and ground of the truth. There is no extra cost attached to it; it is given free to all those who have finished the regular course. We should announce, however, that it is so intertwined and connected with the remainder of the course that we can give it only as an extra part of the course.

If you have not seen the catalogue of the school, we should be happy to send it to you, even though you don't see how you could take up the work just at this time. Just send us the coupon below with your name and address.

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Address

that I may be a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth. I am willing to go through any hardships for Jesus' sake and I am greatly burdened for lost souls. I feel that I must go.

Your brother in the Lord,
Ghomor A. Grove,
1014 W. Jefferson St.
Louisville, Ky.

To All the Churches in Texas—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

I am here in Texas now, ready for business for the Master. My headquarters are in Paris, Texas. I ask all of you to join in with me in hearty cooperation for a prosperous year's work for the Lord this year.

The districts will remain about as they were last year, very little change. I want to hear from all the churches. Let me know if you have pastors or not, or whether you have district pastors. If you have any one in view that you would like to have let me know. I want to get in touch with all the clerks of every church, and any minister that is wanting labor, whether in Texas or some other state, please write me at once as laborers are badly needed in this big state. We want to get the work properly arranged as soon as possible.

With lots of love for all of you, I am,

Your servant,
Geo. T. Brouayer.

REPORT AND NOTICE

The work is good at Carbon Hill. The saints are on fire for God. We are getting ready to call our church for the winter. Last winter we organized Sunday school in a tent (had no church) with 129 enrolled, but, thank the Lord, we now have a good house and the Sunday school is holding up good. Pray for us.

I will serve the church again this year, also the church at Pratt City. On the first and third Sundays I will be at Pratt City and at Carbon Hill on the second and fourth Sundays.

I want to insist that all members attend every service if possible. There is work for all to do. If you feel that you are too weak to do anything, remember that your presence helps.

Your humble servant,
Luther A. Richard,
317-4th St., Pratt City, Ala.

FROM THE BATTLEFIELD

A revival has just closed at Vance, Ala. One was reclaimed, one saved, one received the Holy Ghost and one followed the Lord in water baptism, reports W. L. Reynolds.

Sister Lillian Dubberly of Atlanta, Ga. has just closed a meeting at St. Paul, N. C. The Lord wonderfully blessed. About seven were saved, two were sanctified and one received the Holy Ghost. The saints were wonderfully built up, reports Mrs. N. A. Howell.

Miami, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson: I praise God for a full and free salvation. Praise His holy name!

I praise God for the blessed privilege of working here in Florida, and especially in the Sunday school work.

During the week of the Assembly we had the opportunity of organizing a Church of God Sunday school at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. If there is a Church of God, there should be a Church of God Sunday school. Pray for us down here that we will do more work for the Master.

Your brother in the Lord,
M. Weech.

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REPORTS

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

We had a glorious time Saturday night. One received the Holy Ghost, with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

Sunday night, we set a church in order with seven members and we are expecting more who are saved and sanctified to come in soon. We appointed three trustees and set one forth as deacon for approval. We have every thing in very good shape and expect to build up a good work at Varnell, Ga.

I want all of you to pray for me that I may let the Lord have His way with me at all times so that I can deliver the Word in a way that it will touch some lost soul. I hope to go out in the work of the Lord by spring for I can see that the harvest truly is great and the laborers are few. It would give me more pleasure than anything if I were able to go out in the work now. I am thanking God for victory in my soul, I am feeling

happy all the time. Thank the Lord.

Your humble servant for the Lord,

G. W. Wood,
N. Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Saints Everywhere:

We are thanking God for victory in our souls and we are still fighting the battle against sin and the devil.

Brother and Sister Shepherd were with us a few days. She certainly preaches the gospel in all its fullness. It seems that you can just see the light from her mouth as she preaches. Glory to Jesus. Thank God for this wonderful salvation. It just suits us. Every saint and many sinners love Sister Shepherd. It was almost heart rending for them to go away, but we must be submissive to God's will for her to go and tell about Jesus to a dying world. We thank God for sending them here, although their stay was short. It is feasting with Jesus to hear her preach.

Sister Ouida Hayslip from Texas was here also. We soon learned to love her dearly and would like to have kept her. She is a jewel for Jesus. May God bless her in her Bible school work. We also enjoyed having Sister Gillet from Florida with us. Her work was chiefly among the children. She held some interesting meetings for them. Our pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Rogers, were here too. We thank God for sending such dear people to be with us. We love them and intend to stand by them.

We thank God for the dear old Church of God. She is on fire for God. We have been having wonderful cottage prayer meetings. He has been with us. Praise His name. Recently nine have been added to the church. Some have been saved and sanctified and are seeking the Holy Ghost.

Thank God for the Evangel. It is soul food to read Brother Tomlinson's message and the good testimonies.

Pray that our lives may be a light for Jesus.

Your sisters under the blood,
Mrs. E. C. Bradburn and Julia Ballard.

Sunburst, N. C.

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LOVE

G. J. Stamey

"But as touching brotherly love, ye need not that I write unto you; for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another." 1 Thes. 4:9. We have learned that the most wonderful thing in all the world is to have the love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost. Had it not been for God's redeeming love, no doubt this world with all of its inhabitants would have been destroyed long ago. We all know it was God's deep far reaching love that brought His Son to this world to be offered a sacrifice for sin. Nothing but love could conquer the great enemy of our soul and while thousands today are trying to lower the standard and do away with the great plan of salvation, I am glad to know that God's redeeming love is still doing His great work in this world and finding its way to the hearts of men and women, converting the most vile sinners until they become followers of Jesus and lovers of His Word. Men may try all plans, give all they possess, entertain the preachers, go to church every service and put on all outward pretense but nothing will be accomplished that will benefit mortal man with God unless He has God's pure love within.

God's love has never failed and never will, it was God's choice before the worlds were framed. It is still His will that we be holy, without blame, before Him in love. It is a manifestation of God's great love for us to be saved from sin and a great token of God's love, when Jesus poured out His blood on the cross that we might be sanctified and another proof of God's love was to send the blessed Holy Ghost to abide with us forever. We are glad to know that this great love never ceased at Pentecost with Peter, James and John and a few special ones, but was extended to us and our children and all others afar off. Thank God, His love is far reaching and ever unchanging. Jesus was God's great Representative of love to this unkind world. He was an object of tender love, He never tried to compel people to repent or believe on Him, but He proved Himself to be God's own Son by many great miracles which He did and plead with a burdened heart of love for people to repent. We see His love for the lost as He stood and wept over the wickedness of Jerusalem. He prayed until His sweat became as blood. He agonized, He suffered the shame and mocks of this world, was beaten and bruised, yet amid all this ill treatment He stood with arms outstretched and said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," and that it was not the will of His Father that any should perish but that all should repent. He always had some kind word of love for all.

We learn that when Jesus had gathered His disciples together and had taken supper and washed their feet and Judas had gone out to betray Him, that He gave His dear followers some special instructions. Among them were, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13:34, 35. Jesus was telling His beloved disciples that He was just going to be with them a little while and was teaching them what they must do in order to prove to the world that they were His disciples, by simply having love for each other. Many times it has been said by the world, in the last few years, that the Church of God folks love each other more than any people on earth. This, of course is true, the disciples of Jesus to-day have greater love for each other than can be found among any other people. Of course, we love the world and we are doing everything possible to bring the lost to Jesus and the only way to bring them is by love and by the real fervent love, we as members of the Church of God have

for each other, will make others go hungry for the same love that they will lay down their carnal weapons and pettish notions and march into the Church of God under Solomon's banner of love. Some folks find fault with us because we love each other so much, but we just can't help it, for our great pattern of love, Jesus, said, "These things I command you, that ye love one another." John 15:17.

The Church of God is now sending forth the light of love in this darkened world of sin. Paul tells us that this church is the body of Christ. Eph. 1:22. As the body of Christ had many members, so the Church of God to-day is made up of many members and as Jesus was a light to this world while He was here, so the church He established remains a light now. A light of love that shines out through the life of each true member, and true members of the Church of God have a deep love for each other. They have the same care one for another, they love as brethren, are tenderhearted and kind, full of mercy and good fruits, meek and gentle. They don't just merely love in word and tongue but in deed and truth. Of course they do good unto all men but especially to the household of faith or Church of God. They are not selfish as some say but are the most anxious people in all the world for everybody to get salvation and have this wonderful love. There are many who are hungry for this love and would be glad to have this salvation and be a member of the Church of God and have fellowship with the saints of the most high God, if they could shun the reproach of the world and keep up their reputation. But we must follow Jesus if we ever make it through to heaven and He made Himself of no reputation in this world but He always pleased His Father no matter what the world thought or said. They called Him a devil, a wine bibber, a friend of publicans and sinners but He cared but little for such clash for He knew who He was and what His mission was. We must get to the place where we care but little for the persecutions that come for righteousness' sake for we know who we are and we know Jesus and He knows us, but the world knoweth us not, as it knew Him not. We find that Jesus loved the church so much that He gave Himself for it. Eph. 5:25.

If Jesus gave Himself for the church and loved her so much, can't we prove our love in deed and truth by leaving our creeds and forms and giving ourselves to the Church of God which Jesus gave Himself for, because He loved her. If we love as we should, we would certainly strip ourselves of all creeds, forms, reputations and everything else and become a member in particular of the great body of Christ. It is very important that we walk in the light as it comes, otherwise we have no fellowship with each other and the light that we might have will become darkness. It is very important that we accept the truth when it comes to us.

We see the five foolish virgins who once had their lights burning but they went out. They failed to obey (watch). We had better watch for truth and obey it. When we think for a moment of the great eternity and how near its door we are, surely we would be glad to have the grand privilege of following God's Word, abiding in His love, climbing step by step from grace to grace in the glorious Church of God with our hearts full of love and sympathy for those out of the way.

May God give us love abundantly for each other and may it abound more and more. Love brings unity and strength. The Church of God at Thessalonica was so blessed with brotherly love that Paul thought it not necessary to write them on this line. May God help us all. The great apostle with all his knowledge of the great plan of salvation, could think of nothing better to say than to let brotherly love continue and abound. Then we will have unity in the church and unity will bring strength

and strength is power and the church will hasten back to the fullness of Pentecostal power. Love, divine love, all will fall without it.

PROVE ALL THINGS

E. L. Moore

"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." 1 Thes. 5:21.

A criminal is guilty until he is proven otherwise, before the laws of our country. We find it necessary many times through life to prove some things. A real Christian finds great delight in proving himself and especially in the truth of the gospel. Paul said, "Prove all things," and I am sure he meant the truth as it is laid down in the Book of all books.

We find many folks who say we will go here or there and hear everything, take what is good and let the bad pass on. This may be good for some but here is some more folks that God's plan does not suit and when they hear the truth they let it pass on and say that it does not suit or that it is too hard, as some of Christ's followers exclaimed, "This is a hard saying, who can hear it?"

He says, "Prove all things" and we are not afraid or ashamed to do so. We must prove all things before we can make one believe or it will not be of any benefit to us. Now you must prove there is a God before you can make one believe in Him. You must prove there is a Savior, Jesus Christ, before they will believe in Him. You must prove the Word before you can make any one believe in it. You must prove that Jesus can save before you make any one believe it. You must prove there is only one way. You must prove there is only one body (church), one true spirit, one hope, "One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God, and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." Eph. 4:4.

Paul said in 2 Cor. 13:5. Prove you own selves. Look out, old hypocrite and fake professor. See where you stand and what you are. Examine yourselves, whether ye be "In the (one) faith." There are folks who hate to be proven false, but look out, some of you church going critics, get your dose, it will help you. Examine and prove yourselves. Real Christians take a delight in proving themselves for they want God's best and are bound to keep proving up. So prove your homestead. It is better to prove yourselves now than to be proved at the judgment, where you get no mercy. It will be too late then.

Paul said in Gal. 6:4. "But let every man prove his own work." Dear friend, while you prove yourself, be honest, for you will surely come to judgment and it will be best to have a little judgment day here.

If some one is ahead of you and knows more about the truth than you do, confess and come along. Perhaps you will find some things to be true that you tried real hard to keep from believing. If so, you will have to believe and put in practice the whole gospel. "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:7. That is why you are not free. That is why you have no love, faith, nor power and can't trust God with your body. That is why you can't shout and talk in other tongues. Jesus said, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. If you are not free you are not seeking the truth, and what is not truth is a lie, so there you are. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." John 10:1.

A bloodless religion will never carry you through. Any one that tries to get to heaven outside of God's plan, through the

blood of Jesus, is bound for eternal damnation and everlasting hell fire when they die. "And as it is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgment." Heb. 9:27. Now to substantiate the above remark, let us read 2 John 1:7. "For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus is come in the flesh." Listen closely, this is a deceiver and an antichrist (a devil incarnate in the flesh). "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son." 1 John 1:9.

"Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." Rom. 8:9. You may say, I don't believe it. That is alright but it does not change it, and if you don't believe it you will land in hell where Dives landed. You must believe that if you believe the Bible and if you believe the Bible you will have to believe there is a God. If you don't believe there is a God you are a fool. Psa. 14:1. If you believe there is a God you have to believe there is a Jesus Christ, and through Him you are redeemed and saved eternally. Then we are all made one in Him and have the same kind of religion and are brothers and sisters and need to dwell together in unity. You may not have as much as the other fellow, but it is your fault. It is for you. Acts 2:39. There are higher heights and deeper depths in this wonderful salvation. There are different gifts and graces and He wants us to be rich in these things. God is not pleased with a failure. He has plenty in store and wants you to have it. He gives without measure. You may know a little more than I and be further advanced in learning, but it won't hinder me from getting God's best and getting to heaven for there are not many noble or wise, looking this way.

Friends, I believe in God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost and we are justified by faith, sanctified by the blood and baptized with the Holy Ghost, by God through His son Jesus.

Don't believe anything you can't prove by the Bible or you will be brought to shame. Prove yourself, get your bearing and begin to prove God as Mal. 3:10, "Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Don't be afraid to prove Him. He has been proven and tried by such men as Abraham, Jacob, Noah, Moses, Gideon, Elijah, David, Daniel, even by doubting Thomas and thousands of others and is still being proved.

Dear friends, let us be as honest as that great man David, before God, and be real anxious for Him to show us all things and set us aright. "Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try my reins and my heart." Psa. 26:2.

"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thes. 5:21-23.

Lewisburg, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints:

I want to sound a note of praise this beautiful Sunday morning as I can't go to church. The Church of God is so far from me that I can't go as often as I would like. I don't feel right to go to other churches because I know the Church of God is right.

I read in the paper last night, about the good and glorious times the people had at the Assembly. It filled my heart with the Spirit to know about the children of God. I know some will go with Jesus when He comes. I am going to stand true to the Church of God and do everything I can at home to win souls for Jesus. He has done so much for me. Praise His sweet name!

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I praise Him for the dear Church of God. I am glad I have entered in. There is but a few of us here that is in the dear old Church of God. I hope every one will see the light as we have seen it. Glory to God. We have many hard things said about us, but, praise the Lord, I hope God will forgive them and save them before it is too late.

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